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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: Self Tuning Database Retrieval Optimization Using Regression Functions

Enclosed are:

New Patent Application including:

Thirty-five (35) Pages of Specification; and

Three (3) Sheets of Drawings;

Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages);

Recordation Form Cover Sheet;

Assignment (2 pages);

Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);

Form PTO/SB/08A (2 pages);

Copy of one (1) non-patent literature document;

Certified copy of foreign priority document (European Appln. 02102873.3); and

Postcard Receipt.

This application claims priority to the above-identified European Application under 35

U.S.C. §119.

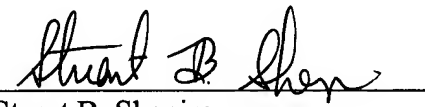
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